

Good Deals for Good Neighbors An Outdoor Wood-fired Furnace (OWF) Incentive Program Funding Criteria

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is committed to the reduction of particulate pollution from wood-fired heaters. EPA has proposed regulations which require new wood heaters to be cleaner and more efficient. These proposed federal regulations will result in substantial reductions in exposure and improved public health. As part of its efforts to alleviate adverse health impacts associated with wood burning and to incent cleaner wood combustion, DEEP is offering funding that will assist residents with the removal, or replacement of existing outdoor wood-fired furnaces that do not meet the proposed EPA standards or which do not conform to current CT siting requirements.

Available Funding:

DEEP is offering two levels of funding. \$4,000 is being offered for the removal (scrapping) of an existing OWF; or \$7,000 is being offered for the removal of an existing OWF <u>and</u> replacement with a new OWF that meets EPA's proposed emission standard of 0.06 lbs of particulate matter/MMBtu.

Preferential Criteria

Proposed projects will be evaluated and selected based on the degree to which they meet the following criteria:

For scrapping

- Removal of an OWF that does not meet Connecticut's siting and stack requirements¹;
- Removal of an OWF that does not meet EPA's voluntary standard of 0.32 lb/MMBtu heat output;

For replacements

- Installation of a new OWF that meets EPA's proposed standard of 0.06 lbs of particulate matter/MMBtu:
- Installation of a new OWF that meets Connecticut's siting and stack requirements.

Applicant Responsibilities

All applicants must submit their proposal no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 31, 2014. Applicants must own the property on which the OWF is and/or will be located. Application forms may be found on the Good Deals for Good Neighbors Program Webpage. Awarded applicants must:

- Demonstrate that a scrapped unit has been removed from the property and rendered inoperable;
- Purchase the new OWF specified in their application;
- Install, maintain and operate the OWF in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the program.

¹ Connecticut siting and stack requirements adopted in July of 2005, Section 24a-174k of the General Statutes of Connecticut, are found at http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap 446c.htm#sec 22a-174k.

Reimbursement Requirements

Prior to reimbursement, awarded applicants must:

- Demonstrate compliance with selected criteria from the application form, including but not limited to:
 - Submitting a copy of invoices and cancelled checks as documentation of payment and professional installation; and
 - o Submitting site plans and photos of existing and/or newly installed, operational unit.

All approved projects should be completed as soon as possible, and required documentation submitted to DEEP no later than January 31, 2015.

Application Process

	Deadline	Requirement
Step 1	October 31, 2014	Applicant submits application
If selected, applicant is notified of application approval		
Step 2	January 31, 2015	Applicant completes project (OWF removal, or replacement) and submits to DEEP the Reimbursement Checklist, along with any supporting documentation required
If all requirements are met, applicant is reimbursed		

Completed forms and all inquiries should be directed to <u>Lakiesha.Christopher@ct.gov</u> or by U.S. mail at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.